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I'm submitting this testimony to encourage the Ways and Means Committee to fully fund SB 1089, regarding the formation of the Universal Health Plan Governance Board.

This is the critical next step needed to create an affordable and equitable healthcare system to meet Oregon's constitutional obligation and Oregon's goal of health equity.

Hospital administrators and Oregonians from all walks of life all agree on one thing, with the same refrain: "The system is broken." In my experience, it seems impossible to find someone who thinks otherwise. Fully funding SB 1089 moves us closer to a reality where we are no longer victims to this broken system.

The transition to a single-payer system will be complex, and time-consuming, but the reality is that our country currently has the most expensive healthcare on the planet, with the worst outcomes of any wealthy nation. Any hurdles that are to come pale in comparison with the reality of living in and receiving healthcare in this broken system. Please fully fund the Governance Board on Universal Healthcare.